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**COMPULSORY Meeting for All G.M.A.A. High Schools**  
**Meeting: Final Secondary Advisory Meeting**

**To: SAC Reps**  
**From: Amanda Maks / Hughanna Gaw / Alexandra Eldon**  
**Date: Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Time: 9:30 a.m.**  
**Place: EMSB, 6000 Fielding Ave. William Dawson Room**

**MINUTES**

100 Additions to and Approval of Agenda – JEFF  
Motion to approve: Elad Ben-Eli (HZHS)                      Seconded: Maxine Rupert (LCC)  
Unanimous

200 Approval of Minutes of Dec. 2015 – JEFF  
Motion to approve: Louise Bianchini (VMC)                      Seconded: Elad Ben-Eli (HZHS)  
Unanimous

300 Business arising  
Much of the December SAC meeting was spent going over the suggestions from the competition committee regarding accepting teams into the leagues late due to the ECA ban. The SAC reps approved the process unanimously. We did get some negative feedback from coaches regarding the fact that we allowed teams to enter the season late, but all of SAC discussed and approved the process.

**400 New Business**

401 Board of Directors report

The Board has met four times since our last SAC meeting. Most of what was dealt with at the meetings pertains to the issues the administration deals with on a daily basis.

- Request to play in another region or receive another team from another region.
- Rule VI- Requests can be made, but the request must be accompanied by a letter from their own region allowing it. The receiving region obviously has the right to accept or decline.

All of our motions concerning special league arrangements due to the ongoing negotiation with the government from our December meeting were accepted and passed. The board also extended the deadline of entries to January to allow Basketball teams to enter.

It was decided, for this year only, due to the ECA ban, that fines would not be charged for fall team withdrawing from competition. Also consideration would be



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given concerning the doubling up of fines for repeat offenders.

The Board discussed the sponsorship for Badminton by Badminton Direct. It was felt that we should give our long-time sponsor Black Knight a chance to match the offer before abandoning them straight away. Black Knight was approached and they met the prices of Badminton Direct.

The office was given the go ahead to look at a change from our traditional MVP plaque to something new like a miniature banner. This was done and well-received by our schools.

The issue of transgender Athletes was discussed. The school boards as well as the RSEQ are looking to be pro-active in trying to establish regulations. Any request should come in through the GMAA office as we do presently with derogation request now.

Request for derogation for rugby, girl to play on a boys' team. GMAA has adopted the rule established by World Rugby requiring a doctor's note to accompany the acceptance of risk form for any girl playing on a boys' team.

In an attempt to reduce the substantial deficit that occurs in running elementary play-days the GMAA adopted a user fee format instead of a flat school fee. Schools will now pay \$15 per team to a maximum of \$60 instead of a \$30 flat school fee regardless of the number of teams they sent to an event.

In an attempt to create more consistency at the GMAA championship and with the difficulty in getting a representative from the Board to attend all of these events it was proposed that we create an outline of what needs to happen and perhaps some suggestions of what to say so SAC reps could shoulder some of this responsibility.

Sponsorship issues surrounding Black Knight (logo on our banners) and Chocomax (distribution too school) was discussed and suggestions that we all be aware of potential issues, discuss with your admin.

402/403 Competition Committee Recommendations / Handbook Revisions  
The two points were treated together since they all were discussed at the Competition Committee. Each topic was voted on separately.

**Indoor Soccer Eligibility** - *The competition committee recommends, 'For indoor soccer only, once a player is registered for and participates in two games as a D1 player, they are considered to be D1. This makes them ineligible for any level of D3 competition.'*

Moved: Andy D'Alessandro (LMAC)

Seconded: Pat Sullivan (JFKHS)

Unanimous



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**Playoff format when we have to combine D1 & D3 leagues** – *On a one-year trial basis, in Rugby only, if at least two and fewer than 4 teams register for D1 and at least 4 teams register for D3 all teams will play an interlocking regular season schedule. The playoffs will be determined based on the divisions that the teams registered for before the season began. Regular playoff rules will apply (number of teams, eligibility, etc). Example, 3 teams register in D1, 5 teams register in D3, all teams will play during the season (8 teams), but the D1 playoffs will be a one-game final (top 2 D1 teams qualify) and the D3 playoffs will be two semis and then a final (top 4 D3 teams would qualify).*

Moved: Marc Faubert (STT)

Seconded: Rob Wallach (RIVHS)

Unanimous

**Track and Field False Start rule** – The false start rule will be applied in all GMAA track and field meets, each race is permitted one false start, on the second (third, etc) that runner is disqualified. It is asked that the starter and clerk of course apply the false start rule for the GMAA meets.

No vote is required, this is information that the False start rule that is in place for GMAA Track and Field will be implemented next season for indoor and outdoor track and field. A reminder and outline of the rule will be sent to all Teams after the entry deadline and before the season begins.

**Spring Sports Tie-Breaker Rules** – The competition committee recommends the elimination of tie-breaker games for all spring sports (which is currently the situation in rugby). This includes Touch Football, Flag Football, Field Lacrosse and Rugby. Suggestion:

*The following shall therefore apply:*

a) *The higher place will go to the team which defeated the other in the game(s) between the tied teams.*

b) *The win/loss record of the teams involved in the tie shall be calculated. The higher place will go to the team with the better win/loss record.*

c) *Point differential in the games between the tied teams.*

d) *Total points against in the games between the tied teams.*

e) *Total points against over the entire season.*

f) *The team which wins a coin toss shall advance.*

*A forfeit cannot be used to break a tie and eliminate a team from the playoffs.*

Moved: M-C O'Neill (ROYAL)

Seconded: Kathleen Cook (TRAF)

Unanimous

Rugby Proposals will be treated together.

**Rugby Cards** - The recommendation from the competition committee for the GMAA leagues is, *For GMAA 15s rugby (4 quarters of 15-minutes) a yellow card is worth 8 minutes. For GMAA 10s rugby (4 quarters of 12-minutes) a yellow card is worth 5 minutes.*

**Rugby minimum numbers** - The competition committee recommends that, *In GMAA Rugby a minimum of 13 players must be on the field at all times. If the number of players drops below 13 the game will be defaulted by the team who is unable to continue.*

**Rugby 10s** - The competition committee recommends that, *In GMAA Rugby 10s at the Midget and Juvenile levels, a game will be made up of 4 quarters of 12-minutes each.*

Moved: Sarah Neff (ECS)

Seconded: Leon Tzortzis (LAURN)

Unanimous

**Tie-Breaking Procedure in the Handbook** - *The competition committee recommends that the governing rules be adjusted to read,*



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Phone: 514-482-8555 Fax: 514-487-0121 Email: [gmaa@gmaa.ca](mailto:gmaa@gmaa.ca) Website: [www.gmaa.ca](http://www.gmaa.ca)**2) Breaking ties in standings when all teams involved in the tie make playoffs:**

- a) The higher place will go to the team(s) that has **NOT** defaulted a game during the regular season.
- b) The higher place will go to the team(s) which defeated the other in the game(s) between the tied teams. (Head-to-head competition)
- b) The win/loss record of the teams involved in the tie shall be calculated i.e. wins as % of games played. The higher place will go to the team(s) with the better win/loss record.
- c) The higher place will go to the team(s) with the better goal/points differential in the game(s) between the tied teams.
- d) If teams are still tied the higher place will be decided by a coin toss.

**3) ~~Breaking a tie when 3 teams are tied to determine playoff position:~~ When breaking a tie among three teams, a coin toss will determine the final positions.**

Moved: Elad Ben-Eli (HZHS)

Seconded: Louise Bianchini

Unanimous

**Host schools responsibilities and arrival times** - *The competition committee recommends that the following be added to the governing rules, 'Visiting teams should not arrive more than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time at which time the home team will accommodate them. Host schools must provide warm-up facilities starting 15-minutes prior to the scheduled game time. Please take this into account when scheduling home games.'*

Amended to include, Teams must be accompanied by a chaperone or person responsible for the supervision of the students.'

Moved: Holly Durkee (STG)

Seconded: Maxine Rupert (LCC)

Vote: For – 0

Opposed – 31

Abstentions – 7

Motion is defeated.

*A second motion was put on the floor that reads, 'Visiting teams should not arrive more than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time at which time the home team will accommodate them. Host schools should provide warm-up facilities starting 15-minutes prior to the scheduled game time. Please take this into account when scheduling home games.'*

Moved: Sarah Neeff (ECS)

Seconded: William Cho (MMA)

Vote: For – 37

Opposed – 0

Abstentions – 1

**Automatic two-game suspensions for sports that play 4 game seasons.** - *The competition committee recommends that, 'In leagues with 4 or fewer games, for any ejection, there is an automatic 1-game suspension with the possibility of more to be determined by the regular process (discipline committee).'*

Moved: Marc Faubert (STT)

Seconded: Phil Moreau (LBPHS)

Unanimous

404 2016-2017 Calendar – Calendar was presented at the meeting. It is very similar to the 15-16 calendar. One benefit is that the Spring breaks line up slightly better next year, so we should be able to get the winter sports championship games in before the 2-week break in March. All Outdoor Track and Field meets will take place the second week in May.

Moved: Maxine Rupert (LCC)

Seconded: Kathleen Cook (TRAF)

Unanimous



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405 Year-end summary – A two-sided sheet was handed out for information with defaults, withdrawals, ejections, and number of schools and teams in each sport. The numbers and statistics for the fall and winter leagues were slightly skewed due to the ECA ban. Please note the increase in soccer ejections. We had 1/3 the number of games in this year's soccer schedule and our number of ejections increased by 2 from last season.

406 RSEQ Report – a two-page sheet was handed out with the following information.

### GMAA at the RSEQ Provincials

<b>Volleyball Provincials</b> VILLA Midget Girls (16 <sup>th</sup> place)	<b>Badminton Provincials</b> 24 students from 9 schools
<b>Basketball Provincials</b> SELW Bantam Boys (10 <sup>th</sup> place) LCC Bantam Girls (14 <sup>th</sup> place) WHS Midget Boys (9 <sup>th</sup> place) LCCHS Juvenile Boys (13 <sup>th</sup> place)	<b>Indoor Soccer Provincials</b> VMC Bantam Girls (1 <sup>st</sup> place!) VMC Bantam Boys (3 <sup>rd</sup> place) PCHS Midget Girls (8 <sup>th</sup> place) VMC Midget Boys (10 <sup>th</sup> place) VMC Juvenile Girls (6 <sup>th</sup> place) PCHS Juvenile Boys (11 <sup>th</sup> place)
<b>Indoor Track and Field Provincials</b> 27 students from 8 schools	<b>Outdoor Track and Field Provincials</b> 24 students from 11 schools

### Indoor Soccer Provincials

Congratulations to VMC for winning the RSEQ Indoor Soccer Provincials at the Bantam Girls level!

### DeFacto

The RSEQ is still accepting orders for the DeFacto program for next year. Orders are due before June 17<sup>th</sup> for September delivery. There is another order period due in September for October/November delivery. If you need more information, you can contact Ali at the office.

### Translation of documents

The RSEQ has asked what we would like for them to translate next. We had asked them to start with all the provincial rules so that our teams can read and understand the provincial regulations when they attend the tournaments, and that is done. They would like to know what is next on our list. Amanda had asked to have some or all of the RSEQ website translated as our next area. The cost of that would be more than the allocated budget, most schools agree that is an area that would be beneficial to have in English since most of the information is transmitted on the websites.

### RSEQ Grants and Financial information

There is a bit of movement on grants and funding for next year. In previous years we dealt with the URLS (Sports et Loisier de L'Ile de Montreal). The government would give our grant to the URLS who would then transfer the grant



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to the GMAA. For future years the grants for all 14 regions across Quebec will go directly to the RSEQ who will then distribute the grants to the regions. In theory, this should not affect the amount of the grants, but that remains to be seen. As a result of this, we will be mandated to sign an agreement with the RSEQ, the details of this agreement are not confirmed yet, but may include using different banners and medals.

## **Hockey**

As you may have noticed on the participation statistics, our number of teams for Hockey has dropped quite drastically this year. This is due to the fact that Hockey Quebec developed a rule prohibiting contact hockey at the high school level. As a result of this rule, we were not able to offer any Juvenile Boys hockey this year, and we only had 4 teams in a Bantam Boys non-contact league. Next year, we will continue to offer all levels of GMAA hockey for those schools who are interested: JB1, JB3, BB1, BB3, PW1, PW1 and JG – as of right now, all leagues will be non-contact.

## **Basketball Provincial Rule change for 2017**

The minimum number of players for any provincial basketball team was 9 (bantam, midget or juvenile). The minimum number for the 2017 basketball provincials will be 7 players in midget and juvenile. It will stay at 9 players for bantam, due to the participation rule at the bantam level.

## **S1 – Online registration system**

The RSEQ has developed an online system for all schedules, stats and player registrations. Each region is already paying for the system in our member fees to the RSEQ. Basically all stats, schedules and registrations can be done on the S1 system for all regions. Most of the other regions will start using the system next year. As a result, some of our schools will be using it, those schools who participate in Lac St Louis Football, and/or anyone who gets a release to play a sport in another region. We will wait to see what feedback is from the schools who are using it before we embark.

If we do decide to use the system, we would start with player registrations. For player registrations, each SAC rep would get a log-in code for their school. With that code they would be able to go into the system to register their teams.

Registration for each student would be done with their permanent code and could be uploaded from an excel spreadsheet directly to the program. Each member school principal would get a different log in so that they would be able to go onto the system to validate the registrations (replacing the principal's signature on our current forms). We will ask the schools using it for feedback before we go in that direction.



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#### 407 Sites for 2016-2017 championships

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the schools and individuals who hosted our championships this year.

St Thomas for Terra Cotta in the fall and spring, Loyola for volleyball and rugby, KSS for wrestling, LCC for Hockey and basketball, Lauren Hill for Boys badminton and PCHS for Girls badminton, LCCHS for spring soccer.

If anyone is interested in hosting championships next year, please let us know as soon as possible in the office.

#### 408 Office Issues

- Statements: Statements are in your packages. Although the fall and winter bills were difficult to process due to the ECA ban and fewer numbers of teams, all the spring sports teams received credits (if there were no fines). The credits ranged from \$0.51 in Flag Football to \$39.71 in Track and Field. Fall and Winter payments should be back to normal next season. If you have a negative number, it's a credit so please use it on your next team entry. It was asked that we send out a notice of payment due 90-days prior to adding a surcharge, however, most of our leagues run for less than 90 days, which means that as usual, the Team Entry Form is the Notice due. If schools need a more formal invoice, Ali will make one up in the office to send along to your accounting department.

#### - 2016-2017 Pre-Payments

We increased the pre-payments for 9 sports for next season by \$5 or \$10. This is due to new agreements with referee assignors and the referee's costs for various sports increasing (Soccer (\$5), Volleyball (\$10), Basketball (\$5), Wrestling (\$10), Football (\$5) and Rugby (\$10)). Since Hockey is also now non-contact across the board, we adjusted the pre-payment to reflect non-contact hockey with 2-officials.

#### - 2016-2017 Age Categories

You will find an outline of the new age categories for GMAA Sports in your package. It will be posted online and on all player registration forms. Please make sure to cross-check the ages with your main office when registering your students. And try as much as possible to send forms in advance so the office can check the ages.

#### - MVP Banquet

Each year we lose between \$2,000 and \$4,000 hosting the GMAA MVP banquet. We sent out a survey-monkey to all SAC reps with some suggestions on how we can deal with the issue. Some options were 1) charging \$80 per person, 2) charging each team in the association \$1 extra to make up costs and then charging \$30 per person for the event. So far we received 11 of 50 responses. With the meeting minutes we send out tomorrow, we will re-send the link to the



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survey, please fill it out. We are trying to come up with a solution and need information from each school.

#### SAC CHAIR

The office would like to thank Mr Jeff Bateman for his many years of service as Chair of the Secondary Advisory Committee. His knowledge of sports and dedication to the GMAA were a welcome addition to the GMAA Board of Directors. Thank you Jeff for all your hard work!

Mr Phil Lafave from Loyola has volunteered to take over as SAC Chair for next year.

Moved: Maxine Rupert (LCC)

Seconded: M-C O'Neill (ROYAL)

Unanimous

Motion to adjourn: Sarah Neeff (ECS) (11:30am)